NOTE AS TO DRUGS, MEDICAMENTS, ETC.

The Norwegian Law of the 29th August 1908 (Law relative to the trade in poisons and apothecaries' goods), contained three Schedules (A, B, and C) of drugs, medicaments, etc.

SCHEDULE A contains a list of drugs, etc., which may only be sold in Norway by chemists. It includes *poisons*, *arcana* (all simple and compound materials offered for sale as medicines and the composition of which is kept secret), and *medicamina* (all materials which are used for preventing or curing sickness, without regard as to whether their simple ingredients are or are not articles of general commerce: excluded from this as exceptions are specially-mentioned preparations mentioned in Schedule C, 2, of the Law under collective groups also materials which belong to Schedule C, 1, when these are used as bandages, for disinfecting, in cosmetics, for technical or other non-medicinal purposes, and not as advertisements, circulars, or in any other manner offered for sale or recommended as materials which may be employed for healing sickness). *Medicamina* are divided into three categories, *viz.*:—

(*a*) Medicamina composita (composite medicines and drugs):

[The Law contains a long list, including, *inter alia*, aquæ destillatæ et extemporaneæ medicinales, chartæ, medicinales, decocta medicinalia, emulsiones medicinales, extracta medicinalia, linimenta medicinales, pastæ, pastillæ, tabulettæ et trochisci medicinales, salia medicinalia mixta, sapones medicinales, solutiones medicinales, tincturæ medicinales, vina medicinalia, etc., etc.]

(*b*) Medicamina simplicia (simple medicines or drugs):

This is again sub-divided into—

1. Animalium variæ species. (Examples: Cantharides, castoreum, lapis cancrorum.)
2. Præparata chemica.

[A long list is specified, including, *inter alia*, acetanilide, acetylsalicylic acid and aspirin, benzoic acid, carbolic acid, æther nitrosus spirituosus, etc., alkaloids and their combinations, antifebrine, antipyrine, arsenic and its combinations, chloral hydrate, chloroform, diuretine and theobromine-salicylate of soda, hexamethylen tetramine and urotropine, iodoform and iodol, acetate and tartrate of potash, lysoform, naphthol, nitro-benzol, paraldehyde, pepsine, phosphorus, resorcin, saccharin, veronal, etc., etc.

3. Pyrolea.
4. Vegetabilium variæ species:

[A long list is specified under this head.]

(*c*) Medicaminum variæ species;

[The list specified under this head includes, *inter alia*, serums.]

SCHEDULE B contains a list of drugs, etc., which may be sold by chemists and also by specially licensed tradesmen. It covers the following:—

Aloes.
Ammonium bromide; ammonium iodide.
Trichloride of antimony, butter of antimony.
Oxide of antimony.
Barium bromide; barium iodide; barium chlorate, chloric and barytes; barium hydrate (caustic baryta).
Benzinoform.
Lead oxide, sugar of lead; nitrate.
Bromine.
Tartar emetic, antimony tartrate.
Potassium bromide; potassium iodide; potassium iodate; potassium oxalate (neutral and acid); potassium perchlorate.
Caustic potash, potassium hydrate (in containers of less than 40 kilog.); [See also under Potassium salts on page 4.]
Caustic lithia (lithium hydrate).
Sodium bromide; sodium iodide; sodium oxalate.
Caustic soda, sodium hydrate (in containers of less than 40 kilog.)
Hydrofluoric acid.
Phosphorus, amorphous, red phosphorus.
Iron oxalate, ferrous oxalate.
Iodine.

Cadmium bromide; cadmium iodide.
Calcium bromide; calcium iodide.
Copper acetate, verdigris; copper nitrate.
Cobalt chloride.
Chromic acid.
Oxalic acid.
Pyridine.
Zinc chloride.
Strontium bromide; strontium iodate.
Carbon disulphide.
Liver of sulphur.

[SCHEDULE C relates to goods which may be sold practically without restriction. The following articles from Schedule C have been prohibited to be exported, and are included specifically in the list on pages 1-5, *viz.*; absolute alcohol, citric acid and its salts, tartaric acid and its salts, collodion, chemically pure hydrochloric acid, chemically pure sulphuric acid, lactose (sugar of milk), formaldehyde solution and other formaldehyde preparations, balsam of Peru, wool-fat (all kinds), vaseline and vaseline oil].

SWEDEN.

LIST OF ARTICLES THE EXPORT OF WHICH IS PROHIBITED.

November 23, 1915.

NOTES.

(1) A Swedish Royal Decree of the 9th January 1915, definitively prohibited the *transit* through Sweden of arms, ammunition, and other war material, as specified in the decree.

The Swedish Government issued on the 4th May 1915, a decree which had the effect of extending the operation of the Swedish prohibitions of export to *all* goods in transit between the United Kingdom and Russia, which are on the Swedish export prohibition list. Since the 16th August 1915, this prohibition of transit has been applied also to goods sent through Sweden by parcel post.

(2) *As from the 22nd April 1915, the export is prohibited of goods with regard to which no special prohibition of export has been enforced, but which are manufactured wholly or in part from materials of which the exportation is prohibited, if it appears from the quantity of the material employed or from some other circumstance that the working-up to which the material has been subjected is merely intended to facilitate the exportation of the prohibited materials of which the goods consist.*

(3) The numbers and letters quoted below relate to the headings of the "Statistical Index of Goods" under which the prohibited articles fall.

The *numbers* are the same as those of the Swedish Customs Tariff*; the *letters* indicate the sub-divisions of the numbers, and are found only in the "Statistical Index"—which is considerably more detailed in classification than the Customs Tariff.

ex 1258 Acetylsalicylic acid. [See under Druggists' wares.]
Acids:—See under the respective headings, *viz.*,—Acetylsalicylic, Carbolic, Citric, Hydrobromic and hydroiodic, Salicylic, Sulphuric, Tannic, Tartaric and (for fatty acids) under headings for Oils, vegetable, fatty and Olein, etc.
ex 1258 Adrenaline and salts and preparations thereof. [See under Druggists' wares.]
ex 1250 Agar-agar.
1196 Alizarine and aniline dyes and other tar colours, not specially mentioned in the Statistical Index. (See also Indigo, Synthetic, and under Aniline and Tar colours.)
114 A and B Almonds, whether shelled or not.
ex 1258 Aloes. [See under Druggists' wares.]

* The most convenient form in which the Swedish Customs Tariff in its present form can be consulted is the translation published in 1912 by the International Customs Tariff Bureau at Brussels (No. 93, Second Edition, March 1912).